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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR CONTACTS CONGEN

1. AT 1315 LOCAL THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL MOFA OFFICE VISITED THE CONGEN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR FIKRU. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FIKRU TO ASSURE THE CONGEN THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE CLOSURE OF KAGNEW AND THE CONGEN. ABRAHAM SAID A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED IN ASMARA TO FACILITATE THE CLOSURE AND THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH THE CONGEN AND KAGNEW DURING THIS PERIOD. HE GAVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEADLINE OF APRIL 27 MIGHT BE EASED.

2. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS VISIT I REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE ON FOUR MATTERS: (1) FACILITATING ISSUANCE OF EXIT VISAS FOR ALL KAGNEW CIVILIANS AND THEIR NON-AMERICAN DEPENDENTS; (2) RENEWAL OF PASSPORTS FOR TWO ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL DEPENDENTS; (3) ARRANGING FOR A CHARTER FLIGHT TO PICK UP THE TWO CISCO EMPLOYEES ON LEAVE IN MASSAWA; AND (4) FACILITATING THE CLEARANCE OF THE AIR FREIGHTING OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OUT OF ETHIOPIA. HE SAID
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NONE OF THESE MATTERS POSED ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, BUT THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE UNTIL THE OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY.

3. COMMENT: ON A PERSONAL LEVEL ABRAHAM EXPRESSED HIS SADNESS AT THE CLOSURE OF BOTH THE CONGEN AND KAGNEW, AND SAID THAT FIKRU WAS ALSO SADDENED BY THIS MOVE. IN REAL TERMS THIS WILL NOT ALTER THE EXECUTION OF THE EPMG'S DICTATE, BUT IT SHOULD BE

REFLECTED IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS OPERATION IS CONDUCTED.
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